

DDA Staff

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT : Director's Morning Meeting and Pre-USIB
Meeting held Today

1. [REDACTED] briefed on the recent deployment of 16 FISH POB aircraft into Sakhalin Islands. This would indicate Soviet intentions to improve its ability to resist incursions in this area and must be considered in any reconnaissance program.

2. I briefed the DCI on the difficulties the AEC has been having with the JCAE relative to the need for additional nuclear tests. In particular, I pointed out Senator Jackson's strong pressure for development of high altitude weapons and also mentioned that Dr. Brown and ACDA representatives would be briefing the Committee again on Thursday and will undoubtedly be given a rough time. DCI indicated that he would be contacted by Mr. Foster who wished to discuss the whole problem with him prior to his presentation to the JCAE on Thursday.

3. The first day's transcript on the Mahon Committee Hearings are available. DD/R is to check his testimony and return promptly. ACTION TAKEN.

4. DCI reported on discussions with Messrs. McNamara and Rusk relative to low-level Cuban coverage. McNamara is opposed to such coverage at this time. Rusk also willing to go along with Cayo Frances. Gen. Taylor had recommended to the President 7 sorties to cover all COMOR targets at once. This was not approved by the President. DCI recommended only Cayo Frances at this time, since he wanted more time to evaluate the effect of such activity on the Donovan negotiations. President has ruled against any flights at the moment pending other types of diplomatic approaches.

5. A lot of flapping is occurring relative to releases of information on Soviet forces in Cuba. DCI to release statement

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today, but all Congressional Committees are in the act, and exactly what will happen is presently uncertain.

6. At the pre-USIB meeting in connection with the COMOR review of the satellite program, DD/I representatives stated that they were not sufficiently familiar with the characteristics of the follow-on system to be able to advise the DCL. DD/R volunteered to arrange for any briefings which senior DD/I officials needed.

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